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Partly Cloudy Winds: NW 10-15 knots

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For those who like to rock, we'll recruit you!

by JO2 Travis Meadors

*MUSIC, THE GREATEST GOOD THAT MORTALS KNOW,
AND ALL OF HEAVEN WE HAVE BELOW. "*

-JOSEPH ADDISON

ATC(AW) Steve McGovern and AO1(AW) Ron Smith, experienced guitarists who helped bring live music to the JCS crew throughout last year's WESTPAC deployment, are hoping for an encore performance during the current training cycle and through to the next deployment.

Before the Millennium Deployment, Smith and McGovern spearheaded a movement to get talented individuals out of the woodwork and onto the stage by placing ads for a musicians meeting in *The Statesman*, Plan of the Day, and on SITE TV, asking for experienced tunesmiths to come forward and share their abilities with the crew.

They wanted to get a feel for what type of musicians were onboard and introduce them to one another, hoping a couple of bands would come together after the meetings.

A little over a month later, more than 100 JCS Sailors were getting together on a regular basis to discuss music and jam together.

Eight bands eventually formed and played a wide variety of music at the steel beach picnic and in several venues in foreign ports.

Smith and McGovern said they are looking to set up a similar program so that Sailors can experience live music provided by their shipmates during the next cruise.

"We're looking for musicians and singers who are into all different styles of music," Smith said. "Rock, reggae, jazz, hip-hop, alternative, country...if you ever wanted to join a band, here's your chance."

McGovern emphasized that experience isn't



(left to right) JO3(SW) Jason Heavner, Smith and McGovern performing at the town square in Hobart, Tasmania.

necessary for getting involved with the bands. A passion to perform and a willingness to share your thoughts with others are the real keys.

"Our only requirement for those wanting to perform is that they be available to move, set up and restow all equipment before and after performances," said McGovern.

Although the bands were never chartered or recognized as an official organization, the command was more than happy to help the musicians meet their goals of performing for the crew and growing on a personal level.

McGovern said MWR has purchased more than \$10,000 worth of new stage equipment that will be available to groups who show a willingness to work and practice regularly.

McGovern, who jams classic rock-a-billy tunes on a vintage semi-hollow body Gretsch, said joining a band is about more than just performing. It's a great chance to meet new people and have some fun during long underway periods.

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Ain't no pleasure cruise



Clockwise from left: *Plane captains organize chains that will be used to secure aircraft and equipment to the flight deck. A Sailor practices his job as a nozzleman during a General Quarters drill. EA-6B Prowler's are readied for action on the flight deck.*



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SAILOR OF THE DAY

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April 22, 2001

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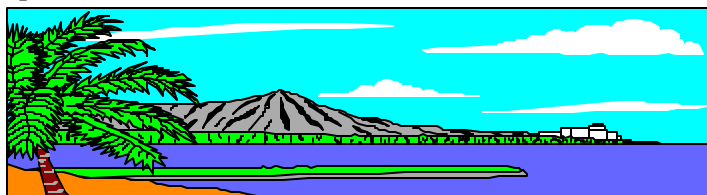
COURAGE

**Name:** ENFN Daniel L. Hughes**Assigned to:** Reactor Auxillary, Aft Emergency Diesel**Hometown:** Waco, Texas**Reported Aboard:** March 7, 2000**Job Description:** "I stand watch on four emergency diesel generators, pump valves and associated equipment."**Favorite Movie:** The Crow**Places visited while in the Navy:** Bahrain, Jebel Ali, and Australia.**Reason for joining Navy:** "For job stability and to travel."**Most memorable event in career:** "Going to Australia"**Hobbies:** "I love to hunt, fish, and work on cars."

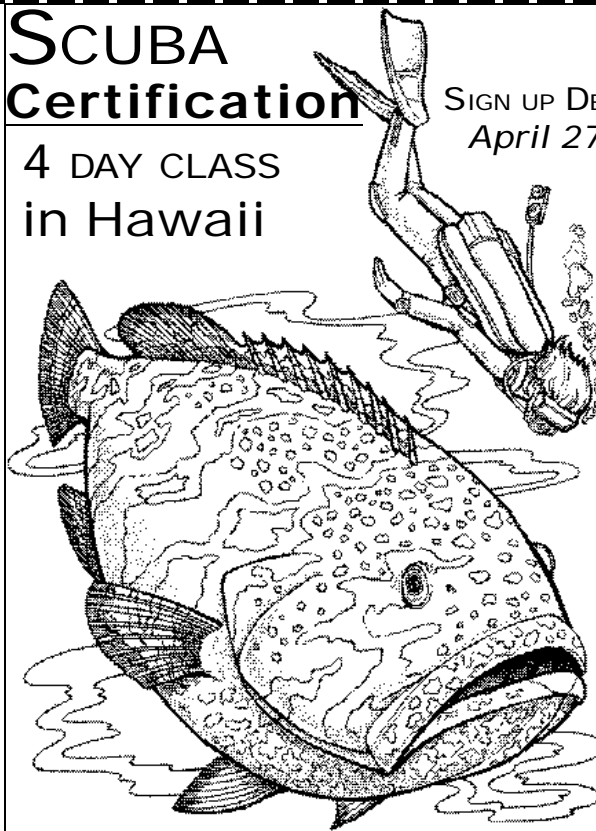
Signing up for Hawaii activities?

If you are gearing up for fun activities with MWR while we are visiting Hawaii, there are a few things you should keep in mind to keep your visit hassle free. The following are things you should know:

- 1 - Reduced prices are for JCS Crew only (Guests are welcome but not allowed any special discounts).
 - 2 - All tickets for activities are non refundable. 1st come 1st served. You must pay when you sign up.
 - 3 - All sign up's will be on AFT Mess Deck. You must pay at time of sign up. MWR reps will be selling tickets at the following times: 0900-1200 Hrs while in port. At sea they are open from 0900 to 2000.
 - 4 - ITT Hawaii can arrange all inner island specialty tours and special attractions. The phone number to call for such services is (808)-473-0756.
 - 5 - MWR outdoor rec.dept. has equipment rental available Call (808)473-5443.
 - 6 - You must book your own hotel/rental car. Information available on aft mess deck.
- If you have any questions see your divisional MWR representatives or MWR Staff at J-6254/7254.



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TUESDAY, APRIL 24

KJCS - SITE TV CHANNEL 7

- 0000 East Of Eden
- 0200 Welcome to Planet Earth
- 0330 Iron Will
- 0530 Navy/Marine Corps News
- 0600 Evening Reports
- 0630 Music Videos
- 0900 Tora, Tora, Tora
- 1200 Iron Eagle IV
- 1400 Wag the Dog
- 1600 Gotti
- 1800 Evening Reports
- 1810 The Crimson Lights
- 2000 City of Industry
- 2200 Witches of Eastwick

KMOV - SITE TV CHANNEL 8

- 0000 Indiana Jones and the Temple
- 0200 Desperate Measures
- 0400 Arthur
- 0600 Evening Reports
- 0610 Sister Act
- 0900 Men Of Honor
- 1130 Navy/Marine Corps News
- 1200 Midnight in the Garden
- 1500 True Lies
- 1730 Navy/Marine Corps News
- 1800 Evening Reports
- 1810 Music Videos
- 1900 Great Expectations
- 2100 Mission Impossible 2
- 2330 Navy/Marine Corps News

BANDS

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Performing in foreign ports was a great way to meet people in the countries that hosted the ship.

"Being in a band allowed me to make a lot of new friends in the foreign ports we visited," McGovern explained. "I still correspond with the West Freemantle Aussie Rules Football Club Manager and the City Counsel of Hobart, Tasmania.

"We played for 10,000 people

at the football clubs divisional championship match, and the counsel invited us to play at a retirement center and in the town square."

If you are interested in joining a band or helping out with stage set-up, lighting or sound engineering, contact Smith at J-6637 between 1900 and 0700 underway, or via e-mail at smithr@stennis.navy.mil or McGovern at J-6170 or via e-mail at mcgovers@stennis.navy.mil.

Congressman visits Senate Flagship

by Lt. Chito Peppler

Congressman Pete Sessions (R-TX) and his delegation visited USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74) on Apr 21-22, 2001, becoming official members of the Tailhook Association. Congressman Sessions believes in a strong military and national defense and wanted to see first hand a well trained crew and a combat ready CVN. He was amazed at the efficiency and technology of the Combat Direction Center and the Carrier Air Traffic Control Center. He found the teamwork and synergy of the flight deck crew equally impressive. "What I was most impressed with during my visit was the attitude of everyone about

this ship," Congressman Sessions noted. "Everyone I've met is enthusiastic about what they're doing and they're all working together. They're all going in the same direction." His team enjoyed watching flight operations from various places on the flight deck. They particularly enjoyed watching CAPT Gallagher bag a dozen traps, then went up to the Bridge to talk to the CO and met the Sailor of the Day.

Congressman Sessions met over 20 of his constituents throughout the day. He enjoyed breakfast on the mess decks and dinner in the wardroom and meeting many others

in their workcenters, doing their jobs. This allowed JCS Sailors to perform their mission and reflecting the JCS positive attitude at its best. He got a chance to discuss briefly his priorities of a strong national defense, improving education, and providing tax relief.

Before he left, he took the names and address of the Sailors' family members back home and promised to send along a greeting.



LCDR Rick Garza, JCS Ordinance Handling Officer from East Dallas explains the receipt, handling and stowage of ammunition and explosive ordinance to Congressman Pete Sessions (R-TX), (far left), and his delegation at Ordinance Control.